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AMAX Specialty Metals Corporation
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the four special inspections conducted by Messrs. R. L. Woodruff and R. A. Brown of this office during the period of July 18, 1978 thru September 28, 1978, of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. SMA-1219 and STB-440 for the Washington, West Virginia Facility, and to the discussions of our activities held with L. B. Foster Company representatives during the inspections.

Areas examined during the inspection and our findings are discussed in the enclosed inspection reports. Within these areas, the inspections consisted of environmental sample collections, interviews with personnel, and independent environmental measurements performed by the inspectors.

Within the scope of this inspection, no items of noncompliance were disclosed.

In accordance with Section 2.797 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractor) believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must include a full statement of the reasons on the basis of which it is claimed that the information is proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in a separate part of the document. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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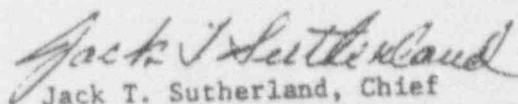
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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,


Jack T. Sutherland, Chief
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Enclosure:
Inspection Report Nos. 78-03, 78-04,
78-05 and 78-06

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